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RE:

CSX Transportation, Inc.

Proposed Discontinuance of Service Docket No. AB-55 (Sub. No. 645X)



Please be advised that on January 16, 2004, CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed with the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon and discontinue service, respectively, over approximately 9.1 miles of railroad from Railroad Milepost 1.0 (near West Prestonsburg) to end of track at Railroad Milepost 10.1 (near Davd), Floyd County, Kentucky.

Attached is a preliminary Environmental Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental effects. We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the Board's independent environmental analysis of this proceeding. Before this Report is finalized and submitted to the Board, we will incorporate into it any comments that we receive from you. Your comments will be considered by the Board in evaluating the environmental impacts of the contemplated action. If any of the information is incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the Board's environmental review process, please contact the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), Surface Transportation Board, Washington, DC 20423, telephone (202) 565-1545 and refer to the above Docket Numbers. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your comments to SEA (with copy to me) within three weeks would be appreciated.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me directly by telephone at (904) 359-1086, or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

Attachment Copy: Surface Transportation Board Section of Environmental Analysis 1925 "K" Street NW - Suite 534 Washington, DC 20423-0001

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